

## When engineer turns into a realistic painter

A computer engineer by profession, 22 year old Siddhartha Dharne started painting pictures as a hobby. However his first national award in poster painting competition changed his life and Dharne started trying his strokes on canvas.

"I never took an official education in painting but my mother guided me primarily and now since two years I am pursuing proper education regarding all mediums and types of painting from well-known artist Aniket Mahale. This art is God-gifted and now I am completely engrossed into it," Siddhartha says.

Siddhartha can make the canvas lively by using acrylic and water colours as both are his favourite mediums of painting and he is a master of realistic paintings. As he is a resident of Trimbakeshwar, since childhood his artistic mind has captured the flawless beauty of this holy place and these feelings were translated into some beautiful creations on canvas. 'The Old Godavari' (Glimpse of Trimbakeshwar river) and Chintamani Darbar are his personal favourite paintings till now.

Dharne's painting art is influenced by famous artist Raja Ravi Varma as Siddhartha is an ardent follower of Varma's paintings. "Varma's art work reflects vivacity which touches my heart. I learned a lot from his paintings" he remarks.

Till now he has tried his hand on more than 60 distinctive art works which were appreciated by thousands of people in various exhibitions.

One of the notable achievements of Siddhartha is, he got a chance to display his art works in the IT Expo 2014 exhibition which was recently held in the city. This exhibition was held as a relief for the people who after going through all the heavy duty technical inputs needed something to relax their eyes and mind.

"Art is like a meditation for me; it's a source of enjoyment and relaxation, I

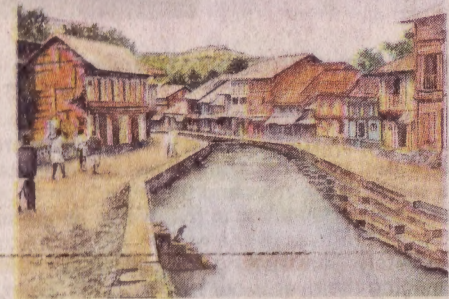
**City-based youngster Siddhartha Ravindra Dharne marks his presence in the field of art by his astonishing painting skills, finds Gandhali Belgaonkar...**



am very glad that my hobby of painting created my identity in the society" Siddhartha exclaims.

Siddhartha has started his art studio in Trimbakeshwar under the banner of which he conducts art camps and exhi-

bitions. "I want to spread my knowledge and want to create platform for young interested artists to explore their talents, I want to create more number of paintings and win plaudits", dreams Dharne.



### Major achievements

- Winner of 3 national and seven state level championships
- Awarded with Ganga Godavari Puraskar
- Winner of painting champion conducted by HAL in 2010
- Participation in International Art Exhibition



Many famous artists like Salil Kulkarni, Shreeniwas Khale and dignitaries from various fields have appreciated the art of Dharne and Indian cricket player Suresh Raina is also a proud owner of one of Siddhartha's painting.